# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# TOURISM AND CULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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EXCAVATION BY ASI IN UTTAR PRADESH
BALIRAM

**Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the remains of Gupta period have been found by the Archaeological Survey of India during excavation in Aawak under Nizamabad Tehsil, District Ajamgarh in Uttar Pradesh ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether any indication of the second largest temple of the Gupta period has been found in the excavation;

(d) if so, whether the Government propose to find out other remains of Gupta period by continuing excavation ;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)
(a) & (b) The Archaeological Survey of India has conducted trial trenching at Anwak, Tehsil Nizamabad, District Azamgarh, U.P., during the field season 1999-2000, which has brought to light ancient walls, niches with stucco images, pilasters and stairs, moulded and decorative bricks and pottery indicating temples remains probably of the Gupta period (circa 4th - 6th century A. D.)

(c) No, Sir.

(d), (e) & (f) There is no such proposal under consideration at present.